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1. PEKING'S COMMEMORATION FEB 28 OF THE 31ST
ANNIVERSARY OF THE 1947 "TAIWAN UPRISING" AGAIN FEATURED A
TALK BY CCP CENTRAL COMMITTEE MEMBER LIAO CHENG-CHIH.
THE CENTRAL THEME, AS USUAL, WAS THE PRC'S DETERMINATION TO
"LIVERATE" TAIWAN. LIAO, HOWEVER, ALSO LISTED PEKING'S
THREE CONDITIONS FOR SINO-U.S. NORMALIZATION -- THE FIRST
TIME, ACCORDING TO OUR RECORDS, THAT A HIGH PRC OFFICIAL
HAS DONE THIS PUBLICLY ON THE "TAIWAN UPRISING" ANNIVER-
SARY.

2. AGAIN THIS YEAR NCNA REPORTED COMMEMORATIVE MEETINGS
HELD IN THE U.S. HOWEVER, NCNA DID NOT REPORT ANY
OBSERVANCES OF THE CHANGHAI COMMUNIQUE ANNIVERSARY.
WHEREAS LAST YEAR IT HAD PLAYED UP STRONG CRITICISM OF
THE USG PERFORMANCE ON NORMALIZATION AT MEETINGS IN
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THE U.S. TO MARK THE COMMUNIST PARTY'S FIFTH ANNIVERSARY.

3. LIAO ALSO REPEATED THAT "THE CAUSE OF LIBERATING
TAIWAN ... WILL CERTAINLY BE COMPLETED UNDER THE
LEADERSHIP OF THE PARTY CENTRAL COMMITTEE HEADED BY
CHAIRMAN HUA". IN A COMMENTARY ON LIAO'S SPEECH,
HONG KONG'S PRC-CONTROLLED WEN WEI PAO NOTED THAT THIS

WOULD BE ACCOMPLISHED "WITHIN THE NEXT SEVERAL
DECADES".

4. THE "TAIWAN UPRISING" COMMEMORATION MEETING IN
PEKING WAS OVERSHADOWED IN NCNA AND THE LOCAL PRESS BY
THE ONGOING NATIONAL PEOPLE'S CONGRESS. LEADERSHIP
ATTENDANCE WAS LOWER THAN LAST YEAR; POLITBURO
MEMBERS AND NPC VICE-CHAIRMEN ULANFU AND WU TEH HEADED
THE LIST WHEREAS LAST YEAR YEH CHIEN-YING, CHEN
HSI-LIEN, HSU HSIANG-CHIEN AND TENG YING-CHAO ATTENDED,
THE FIRST THREE VASTLY STRENGTHENING THE MILITARY
REPRESENTATION. ALL IN ALL, A RATHER UNSPECTACULAR
AFFAIR.
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